

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 379, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF OATS.

On or about March 25, 1909, the P. P. Williams Grain Company, of St. Louis, Mo., shipped from the State of Missouri to the State of Georgia 400 sacks of oats. Examination of samples of this product made under the direction of the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, showed it to be adulterated and misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906. As it appeared from the above examination that the shipment was liable to seizure under section 10 of the act, the facts were reported to the United States attorney for the Southern District of Georgia.

In due course a libel was filed against the said 400 sacks of oats alleging adulteration of the product, in that there had been mixed and packed with it, in a manner to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, a quantity of barley, said barley constituting about 37 per cent of the mixture, and that said barley had been substituted in part for the genuine food product; and further alleging that the product was misbranded, because each of the sacks was labeled "W Oats 160," which label was false, misleading, and deceptive, as it indicated that the contents of said sack consisted of 160 pounds of white oats, whereas, in fact, each sack contained a mixture of oats and barley.

On April 7, 1909, the P. P. Williams Grain Company entered their appearance and filed a claim to the goods, and the court rendered its decree of condemnation and forfeiture with the proviso that the goods be released to the claimant upon payment of costs and filing of a bond conditioned that the said goods should not be disposed of contrary to the laws of the United States or the laws of any State, Territory, District, or insular possession.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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